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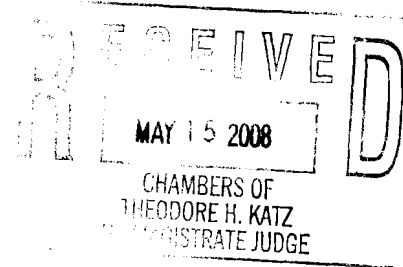
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May 14, 2008

By Hand

Honorable Theodore H. Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1660  
New York, New York 10007



Re: John A. Hairston v. Astrue  
08 Civ. 0207 (LTS) (THK)

Dear Judge Katz:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced. Defendant intends to answer the complaint by May 15, 2008, the current due date. However, because the parties are exploring the possibility of a voluntary remand, I respectfully request an extension of thirty days from May 15, 2008, until June 16, 2008 (June 14, 2008 falls on a Saturday), to file the government's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Plaintiff has kindly consented to this request.

This is defendant's second request for an extension of time to move for judgment on the pleadings as the motion was originally due on April 15, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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*The motion shall be filed by June 16, 2008. Any response shall be filed by July 7, 2008.*

**SO ORDERED**

cc: Herbert Forsmith, Esq.

*5/15/08 Theodore H. Katz*  
THEODORE H. KATZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE